

What is claimed is:

1. A method of operating a digital transmitter, the method comprising:
 - detecting a security code;
 - determining whether a user of the digital transmitter has proper security authorization;
 - sending data corresponding to printed material scanned into the digital transmitter to one or more destination addresses selected by the user when the user has proper security authorization; and
 - implementing security measures when the user does not have proper security authorization.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein detecting the security code comprises detecting one of an indicator, a keyword, a key phrase, or a key graphical image from the printed material.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein detecting an indicator from the printed material comprises detecting a barcode or a watermark from the printed material.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein detecting the security code comprises matching one of the one or more destination addresses with a preselected destination address.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein implementing security measures comprises deleting the data corresponding to the printed material.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein implementing security measures comprises sending the data corresponding to the printed material only to destination addresses of the one or more destination addresses that are approved for the user's security authorization.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein implementing security measures comprises sending a security message to a security monitor.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein sending a security message to a security monitor comprises sending an audible message to a voicemail box.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein implementing security measures comprises notifying the user of an unauthorized sending attempt.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein notifying the user of an unauthorized sending attempt comprises displaying a message indicative of the unauthorized sending attempt on a display of the digital transmitter or sending an email to the user indicative of the unauthorized sending attempt.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the user of the digital transmitter has proper security authorization comprises comparing the security code to a security authorization of the user of the digital transmitter.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a security level of the security code before determining whether the user of the digital transmitter has proper security authorization.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the user of the digital transmitter has proper security authorization occurs when the security code does not correspond to a low security level.

14. A computer-usable media containing computer-readable instructions adapted to cause a digital transmitter to perform a method, the method comprising:

detecting a security code;

determining whether a user of the digital transmitter has proper security authorization;

sending data corresponding to printed material scanned into the digital transmitter to one or more destination addresses selected by the user when the user has proper security authorization; and

implementing security measures when the user does not have proper security authorization.

15. The computer-usable media of claim 14, wherein, in the method, detecting the security code comprises detecting one of an indicator, a keyword, a key phrase, or a key graphical image from the printed material.

16. The computer-usable media of claim 14, wherein, in the method, implementing security measures comprises sending the data corresponding to the printed material only to destination addresses of the one or more destination addresses that are approved for the user's security authorization.

17. The computer-usable media of claim 14, wherein, in the method, determining whether the user of the digital transmitter has proper security authorization comprises comparing the security code to a security authorization of the user of the digital transmitter.

18. The computer-usable media of claim 14, wherein the method, further comprises determining a security level of the security code before determining whether a user of the digital transmitter has proper security authorization.

19. A digital transmitter comprising:

a scanner adapted to convert printed material into digital data; and

a controller connected to the scanner for receiving the digital data, the controller adapted to transmit the digital data to one or more destination addresses selected by a user of the digital transmitter, the controller further adapted to cause the digital transmitter to perform a method, the method comprising:

detecting a security code from the digital data;

determining whether a user of the digital transmitter has proper security authorization;

sending the digital data to all of the one or more destination addresses selected by the user when the user has proper security authorization; and

implementing security measures when the user does not have proper security authorization.

20. The digital transmitter of claim 19, further comprising a security monitor.

21. The digital transmitter of claim 19, wherein, in the method, detecting the security code comprises detecting one of an indicator, a keyword, key phrase, or a key graphical image from the printed material.

22. A digital transmitter comprising:

means for converting scanned printed material into digital data;

means for detecting a security code from the digital data;

means for determining whether a user of the digital transmitter has proper security authorization;

means for sending the digital data to all of one or more destination addresses selected by the user when the user has proper security authorization; and

means for implementing security measures when the user does not have proper security authorization.

23. A method of operating a digital transmitter, the method comprising:
- detecting a security code;
 - determining a security level of the security code;
 - issuing a security message when the security level of the security code is low;
- and
- sending data corresponding to printed material scanned into the digital transmitter to one or more destination addresses selected by a user of the digital transmitter.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein detecting the security code comprises detecting one of an indicator, a keyword, key phrase, or a key graphical image from the printed material.

25. The method of claim 23, wherein determining the level of the security code comprises matching the security code to a predetermined security code that corresponds to a preselected security level.

26. The method of claim 23, wherein issuing the security message comprises sending the security message to at least one of the user and a security monitor.

27. The method of claim 23, wherein issuing the security message comprises displaying the security message at the digital transmitter.

28. The method of claim 23, further comprising prompting the user to input a security authorization when the security level of the security code is not low.

29. A method of operating a digital transmitter, the method comprising:
- detecting a security code from printed material scanned into the digital transmitter;
 - when the security code corresponds to a low security level,
 - issuing a security message; and
 - sending data corresponding to printed material scanned into the digital transmitter to all of one or more destination addresses selected by a user of the digital transmitter; and
 - when the security code does not correspond to a low security level,
 - comparing the security level to a security authorization of the user to determine whether the user has proper security authorization;
 - sending the data corresponding to the printed material to all of the one or more destination addresses selected by the user when the user has proper security authorization; and
 - implementing security measures when the user does not have proper security authorization.
30. The method of claim 29, wherein detecting the security code comprises detecting one of an indicator, a keyword, key phrase, or a key graphical image from the printed material.